purposes like holding of public meetings by political parties, religious/social functions, sports activities, parking of vehicles and exhibitions etc.

(c) and (d) As per the extant Defence land policy, no Defence land is to be declared surplus and if at all, any land is to be given up, it should be on the basis of exchange of equivalent value land. However, the policy provides for consideration of requests of State Governments/Central Government and the Public Sector Undertakings/Companies/Enterprises under their control, on the merits of each case.

Permission for single-storey houses in Secunderabad Cantonment

3416. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is mandatory to get No Objection Certificate from airlines authorities of Madras, even for single-storey houses by the people of Secunderabad cantonment;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government would revoke this rule by fixing the height of single storey houses in consultation with Airlines authorities and by confining the sanctioning power to Secunderabad cantonment board, to avoid hardships to common man; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) to (d) As per Government Notification issued in pursuance of Section 9A of Aircraft's Act, 1934, Airport Authority insists that any construction near Airport should have their '**No Objection**', if the structure crosses certain height owing to its distance from the runway. However, Cantonment Board, vide its Resolution No. 5 dated 4-11-1997 has decided not to insist on 'No Objection Certificate' from Airport Authority for single storied houses. For all other buildings, 'No Objection Certificate' is insisted upon by the Cantonment Board. No formal request however has been received from the Cantonment Board for revocation of the said rule.